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Letter dated 23 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Union of Myanmar on 15 September 1993 on the Agreement between the Government of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed on 13 September 1993 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of the present letter and its annex to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 34 and 35.

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 15 September 1993 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar on the Agreement between the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, signed on 13 September 1993

The Government of the Union of Myanmar has learnt with great interest and enthusiasm the news of the successful conclusion of an agreement between the Government of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization on 13 September 1993 for self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho, culminating in the official ending of three decades of hostilities, through mutual recognition.

It is evident that both the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization have displayed rare courage and mutual accommodation in reaching an accord which will facilitate the brighter chances of lasting peace in the Middle East.

In welcoming the joint initiative and shared undertaking established by both the parties, the Government of the Union of Myanmar reaffirms its support for the principle of inalienable rights of the Palestinian People and the right of Israel to exist as an independent State.